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SUBJECT: CABLE HIGHLIGHTS, AUGUST 4

FOLLOWING ARE CABLE HIGHLIGHTS FOR AUGUST 4, 1977.

1. NYE DISCUSSIONS IM BOMBAY "CORDIAL AND OPEN."

THE INDIANS FOCUSED ON THE DEFINITION AND EXTENT OF SAFE-GUARDS, A POSSIBLE INDIAN ROLE IN INFCEP, PROSPECTS FOR US APPROVAL OF REPROCESSING AT TARAPUR, THE STATUS OF JAPANESE-US TALKS ON REPROCESSING, AND INDIA'S CRITICAL SPENT FUEL STORAGE PROBLEM. (BOMBAY 1878, SECRET/EXDIS)

2. AMBASSADOR SPIERS' INITIAL IMPRESSIONS FROM ANKARA.

AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE AMBASSADOR DISCUSSES THE TURKISH FEELING OF BETRAYAL BY THE US, THEIR PARANOID VIEW OF GREECE, THEIR BELIEF DENKTASH HAS BECOME "IMPOSSIBLE" TO CONTROL, AND THE LINKAGE TO THE DCA PROBLEM. HE CONCLUDES
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THAT THERE IS NO WAY OF BREACHING THE IMPASSE, GIVEN THE POLITICAL REALITIES ON BOTH SIDES, BUT DOES MAKE SOME RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A "DAMAGE LIMITING OPERATION."
(ANKARA 5816, SECRET/EXDIS)

3. EMBASSY PRETORIA ON NAMIBIA.

TO SMOOTH THE WAY IN NAMIBIA, EMBASSY PRETORIA RECOMMENDS
WE: 1. INSIST THAT SOUTH AFRICA RETAIN THE ADMINISTRATION
GENERAL UNTIL WALDHEIM IS READY TO NAME HIS SPECIAL
REPRESENTATIVE; AND 2. NAIL DOWN AN AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE,
TO BECOME OPERATIONAL UPON THE ARRIVAL IN NAMIBIA OF THE UN
SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE, THAT THE SAG WITHDRAW ITS TROOPS
AND SWAPO CEASE ITS OPERATIONS. (PRETORIA 3886,

CONFIDENTIAL)

4. SOMALI ARMS TALKS WITH BRITISH.

THE BRITISH WERE SUPRISED BY THE SIZE OF THE ARMS SHOPPING
LIST PRESENTED BY THE SOMALIS AUGUST 1. THEY INTEND TO
HANDLE ANY SUPPLY AS A NORMAL COMMERCIAL TRANSACTION RATHER
THAN AID AND DO NOT WANT TO BECOME INVOLVED IN ANY TRAINING,
THUS PREFERRING TO SELL SMALL ARMS AND COMMUNICATIONS
EQUIPMENT. THEY WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHICH ITEMS WE WOULD
PREFER THEM TO SUPPLY. (LONDON 12893, SE(RET/LIMDIS)

5. EMBASSY STOCHOLM DISCUSSES ETHIOPIAN ROYAL CHILDREN.

REVIEWING THE ALTERNATIVES OPEN TO US AND NOTING THE
POSSIBILITY OF POOR PUBLICITY FOR US FROM A HUMAN RIGHTS
VIEWPOINT, THE EMBASSY BELIEVES IT IS IN THE NATIONAL
INTEREST TO FACILITATE THE CHILDREN'S PROMPT TRAVEL TO
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